

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S1769–S1805**

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 738–764, and S. Res. 104–107. **Pages S1792–93**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 333, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training. (S. Rept. No. 116–5) **Page S1792**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, supporting the designation of March 2019 as “National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S1799**

**United Negro College Fund 75th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 106, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the United Negro College Fund. **Page S1799**

**Authorizing testimony and representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Taubert*. **Page S1799**

**World Wildlife Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 91, designating March 3, 2019, as “World Wildlife Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1799–S1800**

McConnell (for Coons) Amendment No. 192, to amend the preamble. **Page S1799**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 on March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–6) **Page S1791**

**Rao Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Neomi J. Rao, of

the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 43), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1777**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12 noon, on Wednesday, March 13, 2019; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, all post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. **Pages S1788–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. **Page S1800**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 42), Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Pages S1776–77, S1805**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1791**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1789–91**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S1798**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1798–99**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—43) **Pages S1776–77**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1800.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence initiatives within the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Peter T. Highnam, Deputy Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Michael A. Brown, Director, Defense Innovation Unit, and Lieutenant General John N.T. Shanahan, USAF, Director, Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, Office of the Chief Information Officer, all of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

### CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Kathy Kraninger, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

### BROADBAND INVESTMENTS IN RURAL AMERICA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the impact of broadband investments in rural America, after receiving testimony from Justin Forde, Midcontinent Communications, West Fargo, North Dakota; Mark A. Jamison, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Denny Law, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Wall, South Dakota; and Carol Matthey, Matthey Consulting LLC, Bethesda, Maryland.

### WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the road ahead for the World Trade Organization, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine recommendations from the President's task force on the United States Postal Service, focusing on a path to sustainability, after receiving testimony from Gary Grippio, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Finance; Robert G. Taub, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; David C. Williams, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service; and Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

### REAUTHORIZING THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and reducing the burden of verification, after receiving testimony from Kristina Scott, Alabama Possible, Birmingham; Michele Scott Taylor, College Now Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio; Michael P. Meotti, Washington Student Achievement Council, Olympia; and Mark Wiederspan, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, Des Moines.

### GAO HIGH RISK LIST OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian programs on the Government Accountability Office High Risk List, after receiving testimony from Jessica Farb, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education, and Darryl LaCounte, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; and Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

### GDPR AND CCPA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine GDPR and CCPA, focusing on opt-ins, consumer control, and the impact on competition and innovation, after receiving testimony